

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on March 22, 2007 at 3:03 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.
They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 235, HB 510, 3/13/2007
Executive Action: HB 510, HB 235

00:00:00 Opening comments by Chairman Gillan

HEARING ON HB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:01 **REP. ERNIE DUTTON (R), HD 56**, opened the hearing on **HB 235**, Business improvement district law.

EXHIBIT(los61a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:57 John Brewer, President and CEO, Billings Chamber of Commerce Business Bureau

00:04:55 Greg Krueger, representing downtown Billings

00:06:37 Steve Wahrlich, Best Western Clock Tower, Billings

00:08:42 Sen. Murphy arrived

00:09:35 Barbara Neilan, Executive Director, Missoula Business Bureau--

00:11:31 Chris Ervin, General Manager, Rimrock Inn, Billings

00:12:40 Rhonda Fitzgerald, serves on the Board of the Whitefish Visitor Bureau and local business owner

00:16:12 Sandra Hawke, Metro Park, Billings

00:17:51 Jay Robson, Dollar Car Rental

00:18:53 Carl Schweitzer, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

00:19:33 Janie McCall, representing City of Billings

00:20:23 Linda Gallagher, Owner/Operator of Days Inn of Billings

00:22:00 Riley Johnson, on behalf of Enterprise Rent-a-Car

00:23:23 Kendal Merrick, Senior Manager of Rimrock Mall, Billings

00:25:02 Christian Adams, General Manager, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Billings

00:26:52 Lisa Harmon, Director, Billings Improvement District

00:29:05 Bruce McIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

00:30:35 Charles Brooks, on behalf of the Yellowstone County
Commissioners

Opponents' Testimony:

00:32:15 None

Informational Testimony:

00:32:21 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:28 Sen. O'Neil to Rep. Dutton

00:36:10 Sen. Moss to John Brewer

00:38:31 Sen. Williams arrived

00:39:11 Sen. Moss to Bruce McIntyre

00:41:57 Sen. Tropila to Rep. Dutton

00:44:41 Sen. Esp to Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana
Association of Counties

00:45:59 Sen. Gillan to Rep. Dutton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:44 Rep. Dutton

HEARING ON HB 510

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:52 **REP. WAYNE STAHL (R), HD 35**, opened the hearing on **HB
510**, Revise assessment costs for improvement districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:59 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of
Counties

00:53:38 Chairman Gillan left

Opponents' Testimony:

00:53:42 None

Informational Testimony:

00:53:47 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:55 Sen. O'Neil to Rep. Stahl

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:51 Rep. Stahl

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 510

00:57:15 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 510 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. TROPILA will carry HB 510 on the Senate Floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 235

00:57:30 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 235 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:57:34 Sen. O"Neil

00:57:45 SEN. GEBHARDT withdrew his do concur motion on HB 235.

Adjournment

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([los61aad.pdf](#))